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Petroleum, Australia, Marubeni, Japan.	
Tata Petrodyne, India, Vaalco, USA, Hyundai, South Korea.	
International Petroleum Corporation (IPC), Dubai.	
Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), India, Olympic, USA, Grasso, USA.	
Enpro Services, India, Walter International, USA, Mosbacher Co., USA, Nuevo Energy Inc., USA.	

(b) The economics of the development of these fields by ONGC was considered to be marginal.

(c) The names of companies to whom Mukta, Panna and Ravva oil fields have been awarded along with salient terms and conditions are given below :

Name of field	Name of company/consortium to whom awarded
Mukta and Panna	Enron, USA - Reliance Industries, India
Ravva	Command Petroleum India Pty. Ltd. Australia, Videocon Petroleum Ltd., New Delhi, Ravva Oil (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. Singapore.

These fields would be developed through joint ventures between Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd., (ONGCL) on the one hand and the private companies on the other. ONGC would take a 40% share in the venture. Companies would also be required to bear their share of statutory levies like royalty, cess, etc. Foreign companies involved in oil exploration would be levied income-tax at a fixed rate of 50% while Indian companies would be governed by the relevant provisions of the Income-tax. In addition private companies would share profit oil with the Government.

Supply of Oil

831. SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the present demand and supply of oil and natural gas in the country annually, State-wise;

(b) whether the oil and natural gas production is sufficient to meet the requirement of the country, and

(c) if not, the steps taken by the Government to increase the production and reduce the import?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The demand for petroleum products during 1996-97 is estimated at 78.4 MMT. This demand is proposed to be met through indigenous production which is estimated at 61.49 MMT. Balance quantity is proposed to be covered through imports.

(b) and (c). As the production of oil is not sufficient to meet the requirement, the shortfall is met through imports. With a view to achieve self-sufficiency in refining capacity, the Govt. has permitted setting up of refineries in the Public, joint and private sector and expansion of existing refineries. The Govt. has also offered medium and small sized oil fields to private/foreign parties for the production of crude oil under Production Sharing Contracts.

LPG Refill Cylinders

832. SHRI G.M. KUNTURKAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether severe shortage of LPG refill cylinders is currently persisting in many areas of North India due to delay on part of the Union Government in importing the required LPG in right time, the action being taken by the Government to tackle the situation; and

(b) the action taken against the officials responsible for delay in import of LPG causing inconvenience to millions of people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b). The demand of the existing consumers of LPG in the country including North India, who are enrolled with the distributors of public sector oil companies, is by and large being met in full at present. Temporary backlogs that may arise are cleared by augmenting LPG supplies through operation of bottling plants for extended hours and on holidays and by arranging supplies from bottling plants in adjoining areas. Temporary shortage, experienced in Sept.-Oct., 96 has been generally overcome in different markets.

With the commissioning of new LPG import facilities in Mangalore and Kandla recently, the availability of LPG in the country has improved. These facilities are expected to stabilise by January, 1997, from where higher imports of LPG in the country, will be possible.

[Translation]

Petrol Pumps

833. SHRI CHITRASEN SINKU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of scheduled tribe persons in Bihar Orissa, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh who have been issued licences for petrol pumps and LPG agency during last three years;

(b) the qualification and norms for scheduled tribe persons for obtaining licences for petrol pumps and LPG agency; and

(c) the Government facilities and provisions available to enable them to obtain licences in their areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The number of retail outlet dealerships and LPG distributorships allotted to Scheduled Tribes in the States of Bihar, Orissa, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh during the last three years i.e. 1993-94 to 1996-97 are indicated below :

	RO Dealerships	LPG distributorship
Bihar	28	05
Orissa	06	02
West Bengal	07	03
Madhya Pradesh	38	14

(b) As per existing policy 25% of dealerships/ distributorships awarded through the normal selection procedure are reserved for SC/ST on Statewise basis. The inter-se allocation of vacancies between SC and ST is on the basis of the ratio of their population in each state. The eligibility conditions for obtaining a dealership/distributorship through normal procedure are given below :

Nationality	-	Indian
Age	-	21-50 years for SC/ST, PH, Def., and Open categories.
	-	35 years and above for Outstanding Sports-persons.
	-	No age limit for Freedom Fighters.
Educational Qualification :		
(i) For SC/ST, PH DEF and Open category.	-	Matriculation or equivalent.
(ii) For FF and OSP	-	Not applicable.
Income :		
Individuals	-	Rs. 50000/- P.A.
Coop. Societies	-	No ceiling.
Residency		
(i) For SC/ST and Physically Handicapped in PH category.	-	Residents of adjoining districts as mentioned in the advertisement with preference to the district concerned.
(ii) FF and Open categories		Residents of the concerned dist.
(iii) Def., OSP and Other than Physically Handicapped in PH category.		

Relationship : (for all categories)

No person shall be awarded a new dealership/ distributorship if he or any of his close relatives (including step relatives) already holds a dealership/ distributorship of any pertroleum products of any oil company.

(c) Government has introduced a financial assistance scheme for dealerships/distributorships awarded after 1.4.1992 to SCs/STs and oil companies extent under-mentioned facilities to SC/ST allottes of RO and LPG distributorships;

Retail Outlet :

Land and its development, Sales Room, Driveway, Compound Wall, Air Facility, Storage Tank and Pumps and Working Capital Loan.

LPG distributorship :

Land and its development, godown building, Show Room, and Working Capital Loan, etc.

[English]

Power Finance Corporation

834. SHRI ANANT GUDHE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Power Finance Corporation has embarked upon an ambitious plan to mobilise funds from international markets on a massive scale to cater to power generation needs of the country both in public and private sector;

(b) if so, the details of deals finalised with terms and conditions of the fund raised;

(c) the commitments of Power Finance Corporation to private sector and central utilities and State Governments, for the current year, State-wise; and

(d) the PFCs commitments to provide funds for power projects reported under the schemes financed by PFC in Maharashtra scheme-wise upto September, 1996?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Power Finance Corporation has launched its maiden entry in the International Market to mobilise funds to cater to short term power sector needs of the country both in public and private sector.

(b) the proposals for raising of funds by PFC include syndicated loan of US$ 50 million, line of credit